County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan Goals Update





What Is It?

"Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."*

*United Nations – Commission on Sustainable Development

"A sustainable city is marked by a green economy, a healthy and happy community, smart infrastructure, and [is] biodiverse, low-carbon, resilient and resource-efficient."*

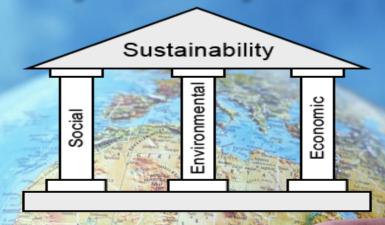
*International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (AKA – Local Governments for Sustainability)

Nebulous — hard to define

Definitions — vast range

Accomplishments/successes — hard to evaluate and measure

Commonly Accepted Elements



Environmental: Natural Systems, Planning and Design, and Energy and Climate

Economic: Economic Prosperity, Employment, and Workforce Training

Social: Education, Arts and Community, Health and Safety, and Affordability and Social Equity

Sustainability programs typically reap benefits in all three areas.

Mandates, Ordinances, and Policies

State Mandates

AB32, SB375, and Climate Action Plan in General Plan Updates
South Coast Air Quality Mgmt. District Rule 1191 (requires all public fleets to acquire low-emitting gasoline or alternative-fuel vehicles)
Renewables Mandate for Electric Utilities
Integrated Waste Management Act
Green Building Code Update (Title 24)



Single Use Carryout Bag (plastic bag) Ban Green Building Standards Code (for private development) Low Impact Development (for private development) Drought-Tolerant Landscaping Ordinance

County Policies

County Community and Municipal Climate Action Plan (GHG Benchmarking/Reduction Strategies)
Energy and Water Consumption Reduction Board Mandate
Expanded Polystyrene Food Container Eradication in County Buildings
Green Purchasing and Contracting for County Operations
Hazardous Waste Management Program (DPW)
Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability (LAR





Recent County Sustainability Initiatives



Natural Systems

- Expanded green and food waste composting at Pitchess Detention Center; use of composted materials at on-site farm (Sheriff and DPW)
- Recycled water conversion projects at County parks (DPW and DPR)
- Book recycling (in lieu of dumping) (Library)
- Hazardous Waste Round-Up and other "Clean LA" Programs (DPW)

Recent County Sustainability Initiatives Cont'd



Planning and Design

- Healthy Design Proposal for County capital projects (DPH)
- Sustainability Infrastructure Rating System (DPW)
- Sustainable Park Design (DPR)
- Sustainable County Beaches Program
- County Existing Building LEED Certifications
- Implementing Electric Vehicle infrastructure countywide in support of South Coast Air Quality Management guidelines

Recent County Sustainability Initiatives Cont'd



Energy and Climate

- County Energy Revolving Loan Fund (Energy Investment Program)
- "Video Direct Observed Therapy" remotely assists TB patients with medication (DPH)
- Southern California Regional Energy Network critical, regional example of state energy policy and regulation implementation (ISD)
- North County Property Tax Payment Office in-person payment options closer to home twice/year (TTC)

Why Have a Sustainability Strategic Goal?

- □ Defines sustainability goals and principles that guide development and implementation of County (and other regional jurisdictions') programs;
- □ Captures actions and outcomes that are currently being developed from existing programs (e.g.; Climate Action Plans, General Plan Update, LARC, etc.);
- □ Provides a single framework for measuring the impact of specific, existing sustainability programs;
- Seeks to develop programs that can be adopted and implemented on a regional scale; and
- Positions the County and region for funding opportunities.

Suggested County Strategic Goal Language

"Consider the long-term impacts of County operations and actions to promote a healthy, equitable, and prosperous Los Angeles County."